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## TAR HEEL INFORMATION

The State will be glad to answer any question pertaining to North Carolina, past or present. Address your queries to Tar Heel Information, State Magazine, 704 Lawyers Building, Raleigh, N. C.

**Burlington.**—We had an argument recently about Graham, N. C., which, as you know, is close to our city. Will you please tell us whether there is more than one Graham in this state?

P. A. HILL.

There is only one postoffice by the name of Graham, and that is the one to which you refer. However, there is a small community in Robeson County by the name of Graham. Mail goes to it from the town of Lumber Bridge. And there also is a Graham Bottom in Ashe County. I believe that's all.

**Statesville.**—I wonder if you could tell me when the first law

was passed in North Carolina having to do with trying to combat the evil of gambling.

N. W. EVERETT.

In 1753 the General Assembly passed an act "to prevent excessive and deceitful gaming." Tavern keepers were forbidden to allow on their premises any game of chance and skill except billiard, bowling, backgammon, draughts and chess. An attempt was made also to limit the amount of tavern debts. But these and subsequent measures failed to check the passion for gambling.

**Charlotte.**—Not long ago I made a trip to the top of Mount Mitchell, as the result of reading about your trip up there. Will you please tell me whether Mitchell County was named for Dr. Elisha Mitchell?

P. L. HAYNES.

Mitchell County was formed in 1861 by Union supporters who wished to separate from the secessionists and was named for Dr. Elisha Mitchell, for whom Mount Mitchell also was named.

**Norfolk, Va.**—Last summer I visited the island of Ocracoke and I heard the story of how it received

its name: that the pirate, Teach, walked the deck of his vessel all night long, crying "Oh, crow cock!" with the hope that dawn would approach quickly so he could make his escape out into the open water. Will you please let me know whether there is any authority for this story?

L. N. LEWISOHN.

That story has been told many times, but there is no proof of its authenticity. As a matter of fact, Lamb's map of 1676, and Hark's of 1680 show an Okok. Lawson's map of 1709 shows an Occacock. So you see, this sort of knocked the Teach story into a Ocra-cocked hat.

**Raleigh.**—Will you kindly tell me how many buildings there are in the old town of Bath that were constructed prior to 1800? I know that the old church was built in 1734, but how many others were there?

P. T. BALL.

Buzzard Hotel is a remodeled dwelling, built in 1740. Williams House was built in 1748. The church, as you say, was built in 1734. The Bonner house was built in 1743. The Marsh house was built in 1730, according to the claims of some. Others claim, however, that it was not erected until 1744.

**Raleigh.**—Will you please tell me which is the larger, Rockingham or Hamlet?

C. G. POOLE, JR.

The 1940 federal census gives Hamlet a population of 5,111. It gives Rockingham a population of 3,656. Both towns have gained in population since then, but we believe that Hamlet is still the larger of the two.

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### THE COVER PICTURE

The little fellow on our cover this week seems to be very much interested in what is going to happen during 1948. And aren't we all, for that matter?

The picture was furnished us by H. Armstrong Roberts, of Philadelphia, whose photographs we have been using in our Christmas and New Year issues for several years, as well as occasionally at other times.



Entered as second-class matter, June 1, 1933, at the Postoffice at Raleigh, North Carolina, under the Act of March 3, 1879.



The helicopter show was one of the outstanding features of the program held in Dare County last week in connection with the 44th

anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight.

Dave Driskill, after the demonstration at the Wright Memorial,

landed his helicopter in front of the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head and parked it alongside the automobiles in front of the hostelry.



On the extreme right is Igor Sikorsky, who invented helicopters. Next to him is Captain Bill Tate, of Coinjock, who made arrangements for the Wright brothers to come to

Kitty Hawk. Next to him is Captain John T. Daniels, the only living witness of that first airplane flight. And next to him is Alpheus Drinkwater, who sent the first tele-

graph message, telling about achievement of the Wright brothers, and was called a liar pains. The Coast Guard c Lieut. David Oliver.





This photograph was taken at the base of the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk, just before the arrival of Igor Sikorsky, inventor of the helicopter. The Elizabeth City High School band was present and some of the drum-majorettes are shown in the foreground. The crowd enjoyed the band concert, the exhibition of helicopter flying, the swooping flight of a dozen Army aircraft and other features of the program. It was a most interesting show throughout.



The Carolinian Hotel, operated by Wayland Sermons and associates at Nags Head. It is the newest thing along the beach and is modern in all its accommodations.

A luncheon was held here in honor of Sikorsky, Governor Broughton and other distinguished visitors. The previous night an informal dinner was served, followed by motion pictures which showed in detail how helicopters can be maneuvered under all sorts of conditions.

Sikorsky made a speech at the luncheon. Melvin Daniels gave the address of welcome. Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, was toastmaster.



The four children on the right are grandchildren of Captain John T. Daniels, A. W. Drinkwater, the late Captain Adam Etheridge and the late Captain William S. Dough. These four men were connected either directly or indirectly with the work of the Wright brothers during the time they remained at Kitty Hawk.

The children placed a wreath, presented by Dare County, at the base of the monument in memorial of the first airplane flight.

The program at the monument started at 10:30 and continued for more than an hour. After that, the luncheon at the Carolinian Hotel took place.

Photographers were busy people at the celebration. Movie men were there, also representatives from press associations as well as photographers from various papers in North Carolina. There's no telling how many hundreds of pictures were taken at the Wright Memorial and elsewhere during the anniversary celebration.



# What the Groom Wore

**Many men undoubtedly will agree that this is the way a wedding really should be reported.**

**W**RITES Miss Lunette Barber, of Clayton: "Enclosed is a sketch I found in my scrap-book recently. I think it is right clever, so I am passing it along to you."

We read it, and it seems to us that we came across it a long time ago. However, we enjoyed reading it again, so we are passing it along to our readers, believing that they, too, will appreciate it.

Here it is:

John Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, of Pleasant Villa, became the bridegroom of Miss Elizabeth Smith at high noon today. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. Jones was attended by Mr. Brown as groomsman. The groom was the cynosure of all eyes. Blushing prettily he replied to the questions of the clergyman in low tones, but firm.

He was charmingly clad in a three-piece suit, consisting of coat, vest, and trousers. The coat of dark material was draped about his shoulders and tastefully gathered under the arms. The pretty story was current among the wedding guests that the coat was the same worn by his father and grandfather on their wedding days. The vest was sleeveless and met in front. It was gracefully fashioned with pockets and the back held together with a strap and buckle. Conspicuous on the front of the vest was the groom's favorite piece of jewelry, a fraternity pin, the bride's gift to the groom, which flashed brilliantly and gave the needed touch to a costume in perfect taste and harmony.

The groom's pants were of dark worsted and fell from the waist in a straight line almost to the floor. The severe simplicity of the garment was relieved by the right pantalette, which was caught up about four inches by a garter worn underneath, revealing just the artistic glimpse of brown socks above the genuine leather shoes, laced with strings of the same color. The effect was chic.

Beneath the vest the groom wore blue galluses, attached fore and aft

to the trousers and passing in a graceful curve over each shoulder. This pretty and useful part of the costume would have passed unnoticed had not the groom muffed the ring when the groomsman passed it to him. When he stooped to recover the errant circlet, the blue of his galluses was prettily revealed. His neck was encircled with a collar, characterized by a delicate pearl tint of old-fashioned celluloid, and around the collar was a cravat, loosely knitted, exposing a collar button of bright metal. The cravat extended up and down under the left ear with the studied carelessness which marks supreme artistry in dress.

Mr. Brown's costume was essentially like the groom's and as the two stood at the altar a hush of admiration enveloped the audience at the complete harmony. Actually, one could hardly have told one from the other, had it not been for a patch of court plaster worn by the groom over the nick in his chin made by a safety razor. Neither Mr. Jones nor Mr. Brown wore a hat at the ceremony. As Miss Elizabeth Smith led the groom from the altar, it was noted that she wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms.

—Exchange.

## HOW MANY CAN YOU ANSWER?

History, geography and various other topics are mixed up in our questions this week. If you miss only four, give yourself a grade of excellent. If you miss five or six, you're good. If you miss more than six, chances are we've just accidentally hit upon some questions which you just don't happen to know anything about.

1. What tragic event in American history occurred at the Pan-American Exposition September 6, 1901?

2. Where are the "Plains of Abraham"?

3. Give the names of three states

that have joined the Union since 1900.

4. These are the last six words of a certain document: "...shall not perish from the earth." What document?

5. If a native of Sicily stabbed you, chances are that he'd be using a what?

6. Who was the star in the first talking picture?

7. What farming implement or gardening tool looks like a question mark?

8. What word means both an apartment and level?

9. In what year did the Wright brothers make their first successful airplane flight?

10. What is the feminine form of Administrator?

11. In what way is the enrollment at Dartmouth College radically different from that of the average college in this country?

12. Which of the planets is inhabited beyond a doubt?

13. To what country would you go to see the Matterhorn?

14. If you went up in the mountains of Arkansas, what mountain range would you be in?

15. What were these before they were what they are: Sauerkraut? Hominy? Raisins?

16. If an oblong is a rectangle, to what does Oolong refer?

17. What is a yellow hammer?

18. A normal person has how many pairs of ribs?

19. What are the three primary colors?

20. How many acres to the square mile?

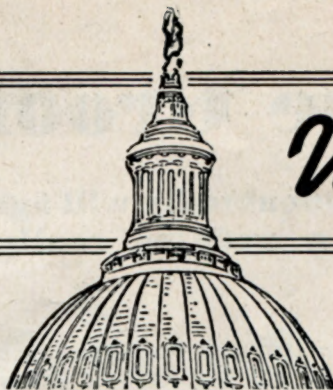
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In the year 1850 there were in North Carolina 71,150 whites over 21 years of age who were unable to read one word of Holy Scriptures.



# Watching

# Washington



By

**BOB and JULIA ERWIN**

**T**HE approach of the New Year calls for a brief recapitulation of North Carolina political developments of 1947. The old year and the new, rolled together, will constitute two years of transition for the Democratic Party leadership of the state, a period of transition that began with the deaths of former Governor O. Max Gardner and Senator Josiah William Bailey.

★ **TRADITIONALLY**, North Carolina democracy has always had a leadership that a majority of the party has followed. Beginning with the turn of the century, it was the late Senator Furnifold McLendel Simmons, of New Bern. Beginning with Gardner's election as Governor in 1928, and the defeat of Simmons by Bailey in 1930, it was the late Governor Gardner who succeeded Simmons as the leader of the party.

Right now, the party is well nigh leaderless in North Carolina, but the 1948 Democratic primaries for Senator and Governor should solve that. Incidentally, interest in both the senatorial and gubernatorial campaigns will become much more acute after the first of the year as the various candidates get into their stride and proceed to wage a real battle for nominations at the Democratic primaries. The senatorial candidates are definitely Broughton and Umstead, with no newcomers to enter the field. In the race for the governorship, no new entrants are expected unless Ballentine decides to run.

★ **THINGS** are quiet this week on Capitol Hill in Washington. Most all North Carolina lawmakers and their secretaries are home for the holidays, and it will be quiet until Monday, January 5.

The big news in the closing days of the special session was the fuel oil and gasoline shortage and the efforts of the North Carolina congressional delegation, led by Farmer Bob Doughton, to improve the situation. Government officials were called to meet with the delegation at the Capitol, and several leaders came up from the state including Secretary Frank Pierson of the Durham Chamber

of Commerce; J. Parks Gwaltney, Durham, president, N. C. Oil Jobbers Association; William A. Parker, Raleigh, secretary of the jobbers; and W. G. Weems, Circle Oil Co., Raleigh.

The delegation sent telegrams to all the major oil companies requesting their best efforts to solve the shortage, and some assurances of help were received. In a House speech, Farmer Bob said if the oil companies didn't meet the situation, Congress would, and that he would support the reinstitution of rationing if it were necessary to assure equitable distribution of available supplies.

Rep. Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, said he would fight any further petroleum exports abroad as long as the shortage existed at home.

★ **AT** the White House, Representative Charles B. Deane, of Rockingham, helped present home rule plans for the District of Columbia to President Truman. Deane introduced his Republican colleagues of the House D. C. Committee to the President and concluded the interview by remarking, "As a permanent resident of Washington, yourself, Mr. President, I appreciate your interest in these matters."

Mr. Truman laughed, and so did the Republicans. Deane is ranking Democratic member of the home rule subcommittee of the D. C. committee.

★ **COMING AND GOING:** Back again in Washington last week, that well known "young fellow" from Raleigh Editor Josephus Daniels of the *News and Observer*. He called on another young fellow, Farmer Bob Doughton, and other Tar Heel lawmakers, and spoke out plainly against retirement, declaring he would retire when he was

"under six feet of ground in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh." Mr. Daniels was here to speak to the Women's National Democratic Club.

Douglas Davenport, of Cresswell, was in town to join Rep. Herbert Bonner in urging the Army Engineers to examine the Scuppernon River to see if its upper reaches were being maintained at a seven-foot depth.

James R. Lee, special disbursing agent for the American legation in Budapest, and Mrs. Lee were guests of Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, at luncheon in the congressional dining room at the Capitol. Bulwinkle met Lee aboard the *USS America* last month when the congressman was returning home from the Geneva aviation parley. Mrs. Lee, the former Baroness Jose Villani, of Budapest, is an attractive brunette who gave up her title when she married an American.

Dan Nicholas, of Salisbury, visited Farmer Bob Doughton and conferred with Agriculture officials regarding diseases of cattle. . . . Four Kinston men were here on business and called on Rep. John H. Kerr. They were State Rep. Lew Wallace, Matt Alleb, John G. Dawson and Carl Suggs, all prominent for years in state and/or local politics. . . . The Army flew Pfc. Calvin C. Lebou, of Raeford, home from Walter Reed Hospital for the Christmas holidays. Lebou, a former military policeman, is a patient at the hospital. Lebou's wife, Mary, Raeford Rt. 3, came to Washington to accompany her husband home on a twenty-day furlough. . . . In the future, a 13-year-old Greenville boy will know everything that happens in Congress. Donald Tucker, Greenville High School student, told Rep. Bonner how interested he is in actions of Congress, so Bonner arranged for him to receive the *Congressional Record* daily. Young Tucker was in town with his father, A. L. Tucker, Jr., who came to the capital on business. . . . Other visitors, W. Roy Francis, barrister, of Waynesville, at Sen. Hoey's office, and B. C. Trotter, of Spray, at the Hoey and Umstead offices.



# St. John's Tavern

**Built in 1801 and used originally as a Masonic lodge, the structure has served since then as a private home and now is being used as the location for a restaurant.**

— By —

**PETER L. KNIGHT, JR.**

**T**HE accompanying picture shows a view of the lounge of St. John's Tavern in Wilmington. The house in which this room is located is now being used for a restaurant and has become a popular place not only for local people but also for visitors to the City by the Sea.

It is the early history of the structure, however, that is of outstanding interest. Approximately 150 years ago, this same lounge was used as a lodge room by St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1, and also by the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons. Above the mantel (see picture) are the old Masonic signs and symbols of the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter. These were discovered when the wallpaper was removed after having been covered for well over a hundred years. With great care the mural work was restored wherever needed by a portrait artist, and the mouldings were also replaced.

St. John's Tavern Building was the first structure in North Carolina erected by the Masons for their own use. The lodge itself was formed in 1754. After having been in use for twenty years, the building became too small for the lodge, so they constructed another one and sold the old building to a private family; Mr. Thomas W. Brown, a jeweler of Wilmington, who converted it into a home. One of the first things he did was to wallpaper the room so as to hide the Masonic emblems above the mantel. The house was occupied by members of the Brown family until it changed hands in 1943 and was restored for St. John's Tavern. And one of the first things



**Note the Masonic emblems above the mantel. For many years these were covered by wallpaper, but now they have been brought to light again.**

the new owners did was to take down the wallpaper so that the Masonic emblem would be revealed again.

When the Masons sold the structure and it was converted into a private home, the lodge-room was divided into two rooms, but in the present East Dining Room of the Tavern, one can easily see the pegged holes that once held the legs of the dais for the Master of the Lodge.

The entire building has been faithfully restored as nearly as possible to its original lines. This same idea has been carried out in the furnishings which, for the most part, are of the period of 150 years ago.

The original structure was built in 1801. In those days Wilmington had a population of about 4,000. It was the second largest town in the state, New Bern occupying first place. Masonic lodges were established in the state soon after the first white settlers came here. The building in Halifax is the oldest in the United States to be used

continuously ever since its construction by the Masons. The structure at New Bern is likewise an old one.

"I have found out that people are interested in old things," says Jimmy McCoy, who operates the Tavern, "and that is the reason why we have tried to be accurate and faithful in the work of restoration. Then, too, I think that people like to eat in surroundings of this nature; so you see, it helps business. I think every effort should be made to preserve the old houses in various parts of North Carolina. It is a pity that so many of them have been permitted to fall into ruins. A little effort at the right time would have helped to preserve them for posterity."

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Branch, a University of North Carolina graduate, holds the distinction of having been Governor of both North Carolina and Florida.



# The Mormon Church in North Carolina

**Many folks undoubtedly will be surprised to learn of the strides which this denomination has made in North Carolina during the last thirty years.**

**D**ID you know that there are more than 6,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (usually called Mormons) in North Carolina?

Did you know that there were four North Carolinians who were members of the original band of Mormon Pioneers who entered Utah a hundred years ago?

And did you know that there are fifteen church-owned chapels in various sections of the state, with nine more to be erected within a few years?

These facts, along with much additional information, was submitted to us last week by three young men who are missionaries of the Mormon Church and are now at work in this state. Believing that our readers would be interested in knowing what the Mormons have been doing in North Carolina during the last thirty years, we asked them to prepare an article for us on the subject. It is being published herewith exactly as they wrote it.

It was just thirty years ago that the first branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized in Mount Airy, which is in the northwest part of North Carolina. This is of particular interest since in November of 1947 James L. Hiatt, of Mt. Airy, who is the fifth generation of North Carolina Hiatts to hold membership in the church, was selected first counselor to Elder James Robert Price, President of the Atlantic States Mission of the church, of which North Carolina is a large part.

Within the next few years there will be erected in North Carolina nine beautiful chapels in the cities of Wilmington, Goldsboro, Tarboro, Colfax, Mount Airy, Durham, Kannapolis and Burlington at a total probable cost of over \$300,000. There are at present fifteen church-owned chapels in use, and many congregations meeting without chapels. The astonishing development here in such a short period of time speaks well of the church membership of North Carolina.

## Two Districts in the State

For growth and advancement, any organization regardless of its merits requires progressive leaders, and the rapid development of the church in North Carolina is due

to the abundance of such leadership. At the present time North Carolina is divided into two districts, east and west. Each district is fully organized with a presidency composed of three men and a district council of twelve men. James L. Bennett, of Durham, is now president of the west district and Latham A. Wiggins, of Goldsboro, is president of the east district. As president these men have two counselors from their respective districts. In the west district Kenneth L. Duke, associate pro-

fessor of Anatomy at Duke University, is the first counselor, and William LaMar Webb, credit manager of Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem is the second counselor. These men devote as much of their free time as required in their various church activities, which are very extensive, with approximately 3,000 members in each district.

In the west district there are branches of the church located in Durham, Roxboro, Burlington, High Point, Winston-Salem, Mount Airy, Kannapolis, Gilreath, Charlotte, Asheville, Colfax, Hollifield and Aldridge. In the east district the organization is comprised of branches in Goldsboro, Raleigh, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Harkers Island, Hamstead, Kinston, Deep Run and Mount Zion.

## The Women's Organization

One of the most active auxiliaries of the church in North Carolina is the Relief Society, the women's organization, founded in 1842 by Joseph Smith, the first president of the church. The North Carolina Relief Society is making an impressive record of service and achievement. With few exceptions each branch in the state has an organized Relief Society which meets weekly with a definite outline of activities scheduled. One meeting of the month is devoted to a study of theology, the next to social science, and another is devoted to a study of the family and how to make and manage a happy home. One day each month is set aside by the ladies for a work-and-business meeting. It is the direct duty and purpose of the Relief Society to care for the needy and



The Utah Centennial Quartette, now singing in North Carolina. Left to right; Elder Lendon Barney, Elder Wayne F. Pearson, Elder LaVon Fife and Elder Serge Huff.





North Carolina West District Council. Front row—Eugene Gullledge, W. S. Stanback, Chancy Bennett, William LaMar Webb and J. Sidney Tolson. Second row—Richmond P. Meyer, Ernest Stevens, Kenneth L. Duke, James Smith and Ephraim Hiatt. Not included in the photo are Councilmen L. A. Hiatt and Herman Von Cannon.

poor in times of emergency, the motto of the Relief Society being, "Charity Never Faileth."

During the past year over 27 quilts and many other articles of food and clothing were given to local and overseas needy. Not only these but other service projects are undertaken, such as caring for the sick; in time of emergency actually going into the needy homes and taking over the family responsibilities until such time as the family can again manage for itself. These organizations are directed by and for the women of the church, to give them better knowledge of their responsibilities and duties as mothers and home-makers, as well as a means of service to their community and friends.

The west district Relief Society president is Mrs. Vena W. Draughon. As her two counselors she has Ruth S. Gullledge and Lake G. Snow. In the east district Mrs. Bertie Epps is the president, with Miss Margaret Hardy and Mrs. Earl Davis as her counselors.

#### Youth Organization

The youth organization of the church, the Mutual Improvement Association, is also an organization for self and social improvement. The various groups meet weekly in the branch organizations and have doctrinal lessons teaching them the better ways of life and how best to live in order to gain true happiness and success. Along with a weekly lesson there is a recreation or activity program, where current subjects of the day are discussed, or a group study of one of the great composers or au-

thors is taken up, or any one of numerous subjects that will create an appreciation for some of the finer things in this life. The M. I. A. also provides recreational programs on a district-wide basis such as the annual "Gold and Green Ball" held in Greensboro this year at which over 300 young people were in attendance.

The atmosphere of any religious meeting is enhanced and heightened by music. To fill this requirement in the west district there is a choir whose forty members travel an average of thirty miles every second Sunday to meet in Burlington. The great distance traveled and faithfulness of this group is an indication of the enjoyment they

receive from this activity, for as with every other organization and leader of the church in the state, they receive no money or compensation for their efforts, joy and satisfaction are their reward!

#### A Missionary Quartette

In commemoration of the four North Carolinians who were members of the original band of Mormon Pioneers who entered the Salt Lake Valley 100 years ago, July 24, 1847, there is a full-time missionary quartette traveling throughout the state. They render a selection of folk and religious songs to schools, business and social organizations, as well as singing to their own and other church meetings. At the present time they have completed their tour of the western part of the state, having appeared before over 50,000 people, in addition to offering over forty radio broadcasts. Their tour will continue in January to include the eastern part of the state, starting in Raleigh January 4. Known as the Utah Centennial Quartette it is composed of four young missionaries, who are part of over 4,000 throughout the world, who spend their full time at their own expense doing missionary work. There are forty missionaries now laboring in North Carolina.

In 1898 the first missionaries from the "Mormon" Church set foot on the little strip of land called Harker's Island on the North Carolina east coast. They had been attracted by its quaint

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North Carolina East District Council. Front row—Jack H. Gardner, F. M. Henderson, L. A. Wiggins, R. D. Harper, Sr. Second row—E. A. Aycock, Hyrum R. Maples, H. Crammer Henderson, H. L. Sanders, Harry Potter. Back row—B. M. Potter, Therman A. Phillips, Worth Potter, Herman B. Aycock, H. L. Sholar.



# Merely A Woman's Opinion

By Carol Dare

THE last scrap of Christmas wrapping paper has been used, the last green and red bow has been tied, the stockings have been filled and Christmas has come.

If you were lucky, your husband (who is always the most difficult person on your list to buy for) was tickled pink with his presents; your children's eyes got big as saucers over the toys Santa left; and you enjoyed the excitement and joy that belongs to Christmas alone.

Every Christmas, however, I have the feeling that we are getting farther and farther away from the basic idea of the meaning of this holiday. For the past five years incomes and prices have risen and gifts have become more elaborate, more expensive and more difficult to find. When you have completed your list, you find satisfaction in knowing that the purchases you have made will please the ones you love.

But what has become of the basic, spiritual ideals behind the holiday itself. You enjoy the lovely Christmas music and more than likely you went to church on Christmas day, but did you ever have the wholehearted feeling that December 25 is the day we celebrate Christ's birthday and that rather than celebrating his birthday, we have been all too busy spending money to please our friends. Maybe you disagree with me, but the way I see it, is that every year finds the real purpose of Christmas pushed aside even more by our holiday merrymaking and gift giving.

A group of women were discussing the general attitude of clerks the other night. Several of them had shopped in Richmond recently and they all commented on the courteous treatment they were given by the sales people there. One of them mentioned having read an article recently on various stores' methods of improving the service given customers. She had read that one large store paid a man to walk around and whenever he saw a clerk giving exceptionally fine service, he presented her with an orchid with the management's compliments.

While there is some improvement in the general attitude of sales people in our section, it has never regained its pre-war standard of "the customer is always right."

I was waiting to purchase a present in a gift shop just before Christmas when I overheard a clerk remark in a loud voice, "The sales slips and my time cost more than a lot of these small purchases."

The remark was directed to a woman who had apparently just bought a small gift, probably worth fifty cents.

**How foolish the clerk was to make such a remark and how foolish a manager is to continue to employ such a person if he is aware of her shortcomings.**

**Of course, the purchaser didn't feel too kindly toward the clerk, and more than likely not toward the store. Many people, after receiving a curt remark such as that from a sales person will take their business elsewhere.**

Rudeness on the part of sales personnel is, of course, their own responsibility. There is no excuse for it. But I wonder sometimes what type of manager will employ a person who is impolite to his customers. The finest advertisement a store can have is courteous, understanding clerks. You will continue to buy where you receive the best service. While I blame the sales people in part, I really think the management is mostly at fault for tolerating any curtness or impoliteness on the part of any member of his staff. After all the customer does the merchant the favor of buying from him. He is not doing the customers the favor of selling to them.

A few days ago a friend of mine, who has lived in New York City all of her life until she married a young man from Charlotte, was talking with me about this same subject of sales people's attitudes.

She said she had recently shopped in a large department store in Charlotte. After selecting an article and paying for it, she

was thanked by the saleslady very graciously and as she left the counter, the employee smiled and remarked, "Come back."

My friend was walking away and when she heard this last remark, turned and went back to the counter.

The saleslady looked up and asked if she had received the correct change. On receiving an affirmative answer, she questioned her customer further, whether the purchase was satisfactory and so on. Finally my friend remarked, "Well, you said come back; so I did," and then she walked away.

She went on down to the first floor, made another purchase, and the same thing happened again—the saleslady closed her remarks with "Come back."

My friend decided to find out why everybody kept asking her to "Come back." The saleslady finally figured out her customer's puzzled expression and explained that she was merely inviting her to return to the store again to shop.

During the week before Christmas I noticed that the Chi Phi fraternity at Chapel Hill entertained 37 children from the Christian Orphanage of Elon College at a Christmas party. The children's ages ranged from three to ten.

There was a huge Christmas tree and lots of refreshments. Miss Katherine Sledge of Pinehurst read Christmas stories and Chancellor R. B. House played Christmas tunes on his harmonica. Then, too, Walt Pupa, the star fullback on Carolina's team was present and he autographed a football for the children.

The climax came when Santa Claus himself arrived and presented gifts to all the children.

The Chi Phi's enjoyed the party as much as the children did. They thought it was such a success that now they plan to make it an annual event. All of which goes to prove "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Speaking of smoking, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, wife of the President, is said to have been an inveterate pipe smoker.



# Two Exceptionally Long Chases

**One was made by a bear-hound recently in the western part of the state and lasted for 74 hours. The other was made by an ancient fox-hound a number of years ago. It, too, was a thrilling event.**

**M**OST folks like stories about dogs, and that's the reason that the following news item, published in some of the papers of the state recently, was of special interest to many readers:

"Spruce Pine—Better not do any dog-bragging a r o u n d Howard Smith of Three-Mile. Not until Smith forgets about Sue, his bear dog, and that is likely to be a right smart time.

"Sue set a record for this section last week when she followed and bayed the same bear for 74 hours.

"Sue, a plott, with her pack-mates jumped a big bear on Humpback Mountain Wednesday and the chase continued all day. At night all the dogs responded to the horn except Sue and three other dogs of two other packs. The next morning hunters found the four dogs were still baying in the rough part of Humpback.

## Couldn't Repack

"An effort was made to repack or support the four with a new pack, but it was unsuccessful. Three of the dogs were blown in, however, after 26 hours, leaving Sue on the mountain alone with the bear. Smith was unable to get up to the fight because the bear had retreated to the wildest part of Humpback where a man cannot go.

"He went back to the high top of Humpback Saturday morning and heard his dog still feebly baying the animal. He blew his horn for several hours, and the hound finally responded at 11 o'clock. She had had no food or water for 74 hours.

"'She wouldn't give up,' said Smith proudly. 'That bear just starved her out'."

That story brings back to mind one that we published in THE STATE about twelve years ago. It, too, had to do with a dog-chase. In this particular instance, however, the dog was an old fox-hound. He didn't run for as long a time as Sue did, but he undoubtedly covered much more ground.

You may not have been a subscriber to THE STATE when this article was published, so we're going to reproduce it herewith. And if you did read it (Issue of January 4, 1936) we believe you'll enjoy reading it a second time. Particularly if you like dogs. It was written by R. M. Menzies and here it is:

In a former day a ballad might have been written about the incident related in this article. It took place in Watauga County, where game red foxes run all night over the mountain slopes covered with blue grass.

One day in November, a lemon-and-white-colored, rather forlorn-looking old hound could have been seen nosing about in the yard of a mountainside farm. Only an expert would have realized that this was a thoroughbred foxhound of the finest quality. Even he would hardly have recognized the animal as Little Danger, pride of the Golden Valley Kennels and one of America's most famous dogs a few years ago.

## Narrow Span of Life

The span of a dog's life is narrow. A foxhound reaches prime at an early age, and at twelve years Little Danger was a gouty old gentleman receiving the best of care, of course, and still used for breeding once in a while; but definitely through with hunting long ago. Or so everyone thought.

At the mountain farm where he had been sent to see what he could do to help increase the thoroughbred population there, the old veteran might have been taken for a house dog. There seemed little point in guarding him closely, and the man keeping him sometimes forgot to put him up at night.

About nine o'clock on this particular night, the man heard a hard-driving pack of hounds running on the mountain above his house, and remembered Little Danger hadn't been put up.

"Guess I'd better look after the old rascal," he told his wife. "He

might not have any better sense than to try to join that chase."

But it was too late. Picking his way along gingerly, Little Danger was already making his way out of the yard and moving rather unsteadily toward the frolic up the mountain.

Not knowing whether to be alarmed or amused, the man listened to the old fellow's half-bark, half-grunt as he ran on time-stiffened legs and tried to catch up with the pack.

But something was happening to Little Danger. An hour later when the dogs came within hearing again, the old warrior had warmed up his rheumy legs and was with the pack, now in full cry.

## A Miracle of a Sort

No fox hunter needs to see the hounds to tell what is taking place in a chase. Back at the farmhouse they realized well enough that a miracle of a sort was being enacted out there.

Another hour and again the pack swept like a hurricane across the clearing above the house. And this time a weirdly-rejuvenated Little Danger was leading the pack as in his championship days. By this time he was a picture of fluid motion. Tail erect, head high, he was showing his heels to a pack only a fraction as old as he. It was something like a decrepit, flabby former champion regaining the heavyweight title at the age of sixty.

But most marvelous of all was that clear ringing chop, the bugle voice of a winner in his prime. It was a bold song of battle, with full warning to the "red" flashing ahead; and to any fox-hunter it would have been music sweeter than an angel chorus.

The pace was killing. At the end of five hours only the inspired Little Danger and the fox remained.

Certain that the old veteran would soon give it up and return to the house, the man at the farm went to bed.

Both hunters and dogs like red  
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## "No More To Pay"

**W**E were impressed recently by an advertisement of Jean's store in Raleigh. It had to do with a special sale of fur scarfs.

A certain type of scarf was advertised for "\$50.00. All Tax Included. No More to Pay."

Another type was offered at "\$180.00 All Tax Included. No More to Pay."

And so on.

We weren't interested in the fur sale, but we *were* interested in the way the prices were advertised. And we couldn't help but wonder why more stores weren't equally explicit in letting their customers know the exact cost of various articles.

There's a special tax on furs. We don't know exactly what it is, but it runs up into money. The average store advertises an item for \$100.00. The customer goes to the store, approves of the article and then finds that she has to pay \$15, \$20 or \$25 more in taxes. Chances are that she, too, wasn't familiar with the amount of the tax, and this additional cost comes as quite a shock to her.

But when a price is quoted: "\$50.00. All Tax Included. No More to Pay," then the prospective customer knows immediately what the item is going to cost her. She isn't interested in the price of the furs, the amount of the sales tax, or the amount of the federal tax: what she wants to know is how much that fur is going to set her back. Jean's advertisement gave her this information. We believe that other mercantile establishments would find it good policy to do the same thing.

## Latin and Algebra

**F**OR years we've been contending that the study of Latin is largely a waste of time so far as the big majority of high school students are concerned. And we've been saying the same thing about algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

Yes, we admit that Latin may give you a better understanding of the English language, but why not study a modern Latin language instead of a dead one? The same roots are there. Or why not just study English more thoroughly?

We also admit that algebra, geometry and trigonometry are valuable studies for people who want to become engineers. But what percentage of high school students are going to be engineers? However, someone probably will come forward to point out that the average high school student doesn't know what profession or business he plans to follow later on in life; therefore he should study algebra and the other subjects. Which means that you would penalize 90 per cent of the students for the benefit of the 10 per cent who might decide to follow the engineering profession. That doesn't make sense.

We admit further that Latin, algebra, etc., are good for training the mind. But why not train the mind on something that can be of practical use to the student?

The reason we're bringing up this subject again is because of an Associated Press dispatch which was published in the newspapers a couple of weeks ago under the heading: "Algebra, Latin Total Loss to Many Students."

Seems that a commission is in existence which wants to revamp the nation's secondary-school curricula. The commission doesn't think very much of dead languages or higher mathematics. It wants something else substituted for these courses. It is of the opinion that one of the greatest needs is for moral and ethical training in our schools.

And in that the commission undoubtedly is right.

There is no question but that a change should be made in the courses which are being offered to boys and girls in our public schools. Used to be that Greek was one of the subjects that were taught in high school. Thank goodness, that has been thrown out of the window. Now if the schools only would get rid of Latin, they'd be doing another fine piece of work. And after that—algebra and geometry.

We don't know of any more useless courses for the average boy or girl than these.

History—fine! Same with geography. Physics, English, chemistry, botany, physiology, modern languages—they all serve a useful purpose and help to bring about a well-rounded program of education.

But Latin—let's get rid of it and replace it with some course that the pupil can use after he leaves school and starts making his own living.

If we do that, maybe the doctors and lawyers would quit using Latin expressions in their respective practice. There's no reason why they shouldn't stick to English.



# RANDOM SHOTS

BY JOHN G. BRAGAW

A READER who does not identify himself sends in this bit, "since you like to put in chestnuts," he says:

**"Centenarian: A person who has lived to be 100 years old. He never smoked or he smoked all his life. He used whiskey for eighty years or he never used it. He was a vegetarian or he wasn't a vegetarian. Follow these rules carefully and you, too, can be a centenarian."**

We were talking the other day, two or three of us who went to school at the same time in the old McNair schoolhouse where the First Christian Church stands now, about how we would make cigarettes out of rabbit tobacco. Cornsilk cigarettes were more popular, maybe because cornsilk was easier to find, but plenty of rabbit tobacco grew in the fields around the school and in vacant lots about town.

One of the boys said, "How about rattan?" Yes, most of us had smoked rattan, when we could find an old chair to break a piece of rattan from. Cubebs were something else we stuck out our chests over. They looked more like boughten cigarettes than the others, and we would strut mightily when we got hold of a cubeb. And inhale it, too! It would impress the younger fry not a little.

Another one in the group spoke of lily stems and grape leaves, but I never tried those.

I have made no inquiries but I imagine small boys today do not bother about those old substitutes because it is easy for them to get real cigarettes, but I believe they miss what Webster calls *The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime* when they fail to make their first venture with rabbit tobacco and cornsilk. It seems to me I never felt quite so devilish as in that first step.

The Christmas cards have begun to come in as this is written, and I always look for the one which W. W. McLellan sends William Bragaw. Mr. McLellan started the chain of stores still known as McLellan's, though he is not connected with them now, but has another chain called W. W. Mac Stores, I believe.

The McLellan store in our town

of Washington is the second one he established, High Point being Number One.

Mr. McLellan is a Scot, and his Christmas cards always carry a bit of Hieland verse, most appealing to me. They are distinctive, and I think he must design them himself. This year's card is one of the best yet, and the verse is a gem:

**When winter winds blaw doon  
the lum,**

**'Twill warm your he'rt to feel  
That in the wide warld there  
are some**

**Like me wha wish you weel.**

A kind of glamor has surrounded the name George Creel for some thirty or forty years, so far as I am concerned. I used to read his magazine articles with great satisfaction, and when he married Blanche Bates, one of my loves, it just made it that much better. For that and some other reasons I have looked forward to reading his reminiscences recently published under the title *Rebel At Large*, and am deep in it now.

In some respects it is a bit of a let-down. This rebel business is something a good many smart men pride themselves upon, and Mr. Creel, it seems to me, does a little too much of it for my taste. But that is his business, and the story is good reading, even if I do not see eye to eye with him at times. I have read less than sixty-five pages thus far, but already he has done a good bit of knocking on something other than wood. In one place, telling of the beginning of his protest against what he considered unethical procedure on the part of certain Federal judges, he says: "I ran from one leader of the bar to another, begging an expression of opinion, but if there is any greater coward than a doctor, it is a lawyer." Rather strong language, what? Pretty broad generalization. And a gratuitous affront to two great professions.

But there are some good yarns scattered about in the book. He tells of his boyhood days in the small town of Independence, Missouri, after the Civil War, where

most of the male population were Confederate Colonels. There may have been some grown men in the town, he

says, who had not worn the gray, and some may have been privates, but if so he doesn't recall them. The one he remembers best was Colonel John, "a mountain of a man who dealt only in superlatives. Gargantuan in his appetites, he loved to boast that he could eat more and drink more than any other living man."

When he ordered a ham he wanted a *whole* ham, and he wanted his lettuce served in a tub. One day he was making a Democratic speech at a rally, and stopped to yell for a drink of water. They brought him a pitcher full of water. "Take it away!" he roared. "If I put it to my mouth I'd inhale it. Fetch me the *rivah*!"

Creel says he once went with another boy to ask Colonel John for permission to go swimming in the small pond on his place. "And I can still see his purpled face."

"My *what*?" he roared.

"Why, Colonel, your pond," young George quavered.

"My ocean, you young whelp. My *ocean*!"

Another time, in front of the hotel one evening he was telling the story of a battle at a certain creek.

"There we were," rumbled the Colonel, "a young band of Southrons hastily gathered from home and field to beat back the iron heel of the invadah, armed only with squirrel guns, hoe handles, pitchforks, and other rude agricultural implements hastily fashioned into weapons of defense. As we sat in the cold gray light of early dawn, munching the parched corn which had been our sole subsistence for days, over the hill poured the Yankee hosts, outnumbering us by twenty to one, and equipped with every device known to military science.

"But did fear clutch at our vitals? Was there the quiver of a lip or the lowering of a crest? As well ask if there was a poltroon at Thermopylae or impugn the valor of the immortal Six Hundred. With the indomitable courage that has ever marked the Southron, we fell upon the blue-bellied hordes and

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# WHAT'S GOING ON IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DR. ZENO WALL**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Shelby, who is well and popularly known and who has kindred in Davidson County, has been elected as superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina to succeed Dr. I. G. Greer, whose resignation was announced last week. The selection was made by the orphanage board of trustees in a meeting at Greensboro Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Dr. Greer resigned effective with January 1 to become executive vice president of the Business Foundation of the University of North Carolina and will make his headquarters at Chapel Hill. He has been superintendent of the orphanage for fifteen years and for several years past has also been president of the North Carolina Good Health Association. He reported to the board Tuesday that Mills Home, the principal unit at Thomasville, and Kennedy Home at

## THE LONGEST ROAD

**Max L. Watson**, state highway commissioner, said recently that U. S. 64 "is the daddy of all roads; the longest road in the United States, and perhaps the longest in the world. Its eastern terminus is Fort Landing, located on the Alligator River near Albemarle Sound, and its western terminus is Los Angeles, California.

Kinston are both in excellent financial and organizational condition.

Dr. and Mrs. Wall will probably move to Thomasville and take up residence at Mills Home about February 1.

**AT LEAST TWO** Sampson County men are not worrying about the reduction in the tobacco acreage for 1948, or later. They are Liston Malpass and Robert Kivett, who are devoting their time and attention largely to the development of a mink farm.

The mink farm is located about eight miles southeast of Clinton and already is stocked with around 200 mink. The project was started around 18 months ago and the owners already are beginning to ship pelts from mink that have been killed for that purpose. Good mink pelts are now selling for from \$30 to \$35 each.

The mink farm operators paid as high as \$300 each for some of their breeding stock. Others cost considerably less. A considerable cash outlay was necessary for getting the farm started. In addition to the cakes in which the mink are housed, the owners now are erecting a cold storage plant capable of housing 30 tons of meats and fish to be fed to the mink. The food consists largely of horse meat and fish.

**SCHOOL FOLKS** are becoming more and more insistent in their demand for an extra session of the Legislature so that more money can be paid them.

Organized school principals of

the state last week joined their voices to the clamor of educational leaders who are seeking a special session. This was done during the meeting of the executive board of the North Carolina Principals Association.

**GENERAL IKE** is considering an invitation which has been extended him by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce to make a talk at the annual meeting of that organization to be held in either February or March. The General promised Senator Hoey that a definite answer would be given by January 20.

**JAMES JOHNSON** likes pocketbooks. Operating in Mount Airy, James was arrested, charged with having stolen 55 pocketbooks. Officers said the man had disposed of a number of the pocketbooks. As a matter of fact, he had given several to friends as Christmas presents.

Johnson will appear before Judge Harry Llewellyn on December 29.

**THE BURLINGTON** Foundation, a charitable trust established by Burlington Mills of Greensboro, has given \$50,000 to the Home Economics Foundation of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and \$15,000 to the Engineering Foundation at North Carolina State College, it was announced last week by Governor Cherry.

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**THE BAPTIST** General convention of North Carolina, meeting in an extra one-day session at Baptist headquarters in Raleigh last Wednesday elected executive secretaries, established an administrative committee and approved the recently organized laymens league. The general convention is composed of Negro Baptist churches throughout the state.

Rev. O. L. Sherrill, who has been acting executive secretary, was elected executive secretary. Rev. J. W. Wiley of Weldon was elected to the newly established office of associate executive secretary.

The administrative committee is composed of P. A. Bishop, convention president; Dr. O. S. Bullock, Rev. L. W. Wertz, E. M. Butler and Dr. R. P. Daniel.

**THE PEOPLE** of North Carolina must buy \$14,587,442 worth of United States Savings bonds before January 1 if the state is to meet its 1947 goal of \$94 million, said R. E. Kerr, Mecklenburg County chairman for the sale of these bonds.

Mr. Kerr received this information from state headquarters in Greensboro along with the request that he urge the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County to do their part toward meeting this goal.

Total sales for North Carolina in 1947 had reached \$79,412,558 on December 15.

**FIRE** which swept through the 200-foot brick veneer State Highway Department District Motor Vehicle shop in Fayetteville last week completely destroyed the building and its contents for a loss of \$200,000.

Two workers suffered minor burns and 35 others escaped. State Highway officials, who estimated the loss, said the blaze was caused by a short circuit which ignited a truck's gas line.

**A TOTAL** of \$4,301,757 was collected in North Carolina for liquor during November, the State ABC Board reported last Thursday.

Top county in sales during the month was Mecklenburg, which collected \$901,145.95. This was approximately twice as much as the

total collected in Durham and Wake, which were second and third.

In Wake County the total was \$418,616.90, while in Durham sales amounted to \$446,810.75. Fourth county in total sales was New Hanover, where \$239,658.90 was collected.

**MAJOR BUS** companies are charging higher fares in North Carolina today.

The new rates went into effect last week with the approval of the State Utilities Commission.

In general, the commission said, the increases will serve to establish a rate of two cents a mile for intra-state travel.

Companies joining in the movement include: Atlantic Greyhound, Carolina Coach, Seashore Transportation, Smoky Mountain Stages, and Queen City.

**SOME 96** rural industries were established in North Carolina this year, according to a preliminary report made to the operating committee of the rural industries branch of the State Department of Conservation and Development at a meeting in Raleigh Thursday. W. C. Guthrie, who made the re-

port, said the new industries employ from two to fifty persons and are widely scattered throughout the state. Products of the plants include flour and feed, cabinets, veneer, shuttle blocks, brooms, gloves, diapers, electric blankets, knitwear, meat products, canned goods, chemicals, tools and dies, candy, food, and others.

During the year, Guthrie said, a total of 783 inquiries with regard to rural industries have been received.

**REP. ROBERT L. DOUGHTON**, acting as head of the North Carolina Congressional delegation in the matter, last Thursday suggested to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry that "it might help in the present fuel shortage situation if you would call in representatives of the industry in the state for a discussion of equitable allocation to assure supplies where most needed."

Doughton's proposal was made by telegram following a discussion of the problem here with Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh *News and Observer*, who is visiting in the capital.

**AT THE END** of November, North Carolina tobacco growers

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Total sales and averages by belts through November were: Border 140,940,872 pounds, \$43.07; Eastern 446,149,253, \$43.55; Middle 147,927,064, \$43.07; and Old Belt 100,893,033, \$38.10.

The highest price average paid this season through November was credited to Wilson with \$44.53. At Rocky Mount the average was \$44.26, at Durham, \$44.08, and Tabor City \$44.04.

During November sales on the Eastern, Middle and Old Belts totaled 148,624,405 and averaged \$41.60. In November last year sales totaled 152,246,567 and averaged \$44.30.

**THE 800 METHODIST** Churches of the North Carolina Conference are making a Christmas offering for the building fund of Camp Don-Lee, Conference youth camp, according to the Rev. J. G. Phillips, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

Plans for the Christmas offering were developed by the Conference Camp Committee and the Bishop's Cabinet. These plans, if carried through successfully, will result in the beginning of a camping program at Don-Lee next summer.

**ST. PAUL'S** Methodist Church in Goldsboro has five sets of twins enrolled in the primary department. Believed to be a record for any Sunday school class in the state.

**JONATHAN DANIELS**, executive editor of the *News and Observer*, has returned from Europe. He attended a meeting in Geneva of the United Nations subcommittee on the protection of minorities and the prevention of discrimination.

**LAURENCE F. LEE**, president of the Occidental Life Insurance Company of Raleigh has been appointed to the Loyalty Appeals Board of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, it was reported last Tuesday.

**LT. GENERAL** Allen Hal Turnage, North Carolina's famous fighting Marine leader, has asked to be retired from active service on January 1. He is a native of Farmville.

**TWO** North Carolina 4-H Club members, one boy and one girl,

having the best all-'round record in club work, will receive a free trip to National 4-H Club Camp next summer, says L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service.

The two free trips are being awarded by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Harrill said, as continuing evidence of appreciation for 4-H Club work in its territory. Free trips will also be given to the outstanding boy and girl in other states which is served by the Coast Line.

**THE NORTH CAROLINA** Supreme Court last Friday upheld the constitutionality of a 1947 legislative act barring the closed shop in this state.

The court affirmed the convictions in Buncombe County of two defendants who wished to test the law's constitutionality.

The cases were known as: The State vs. George Whitaker, and the State vs. Thomas Pinckney Bishop.

Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell wrote both opinions.

The tobacco companies in Durham spend more money some days for tax stamps than the entire cost of the new Durham postoffice.



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## TWO LONG CHASES

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foxes better than greys. Reds are gamer, more enduring, and give better sport. And this was a red.

Certainly in all those hours the fox must have had chances to hole up and escape. If intuition told him Little Danger was old and past hunting age, if he was tantalizing the old fellow, he picked his victim with poor judgment. By now Little Danger would have a taste of hot fur or die trying for it.

At daybreak the old hound had not returned to the farmhouse.

It was afternoon before he was located, five miles away at another farmer's house. This farmer said the chase had gone on all morning in a broad river bottom below his house. Just before noon he heard the fox squeal, and knew the run was ended. Fox and hound were

found lying side by side. The red was dead: Little Danger could live a day or two at most.

For fifteen hours the gallant old fellow had kept the trail. Some authorities give 15 miles an hour as the cruising speed of a running foxhound. Whether Little Danger ran more or less than the 225 miles that would make will never be known. Runs of 75 and 100 miles are not rare. But not a pad and not a nail on a single toe survived Little Danger's ordeal. A feeble wag of his tail was the only motion he could muster afterwards.

Mr. Terry Moore, one of the proprietors of Golden Valley Kennels, made a hurried trip to Watauga from his home near Marion. But Little Danger lived only one day, after being tenderly brought home, to enjoy the glory of his last and greatest run.

## THE MORMON CHURCH

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atmosphere and crossed the sound by boat to visit its inhabitants. They left their message with the few fishing people there, some of whom received it and were baptized into the church. Shortly afterward the population of the island grew and someone with jealous eyes and misunderstanding started rumors among the islanders against the members there who had erected a church and were a thriving and happy people. The rumors grew and spread like a dreaded disease until the tension grew so great and the feeling so bitter that one clear night in January 1908 a mob covered the little church with oil and set fire to it. The hard work of the little group was left in smoldering ashes in the morning. Their hearts were broken, but their determination was not. Missionaries, due to the animosity of some of the population, were called off the island and for many years the little band of members carried on alone. It was

not until 1936 that differences were settled and prejudices broken down. Another chapel was soon erected on the island; a tribute to the faith and devotion of the Saints.

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# FUNNY EXPERIENCES

◦ BY ◦  
CARL GOERCH

Richmond, Va.  
December 18, 1947.

DEAR MR. GOERCH:

I shall never forget the "zipper story" which you published several years ago and which gave so many of us such a big laugh. I think it was one of the funniest stories I ever have read.

In this connection, I want to tell you of a little experience that happened to me last week.

I was driving from Richmond to Roanoke. I was wearing a new suit of clothes, which I had purchased a few days prior to the trip. Shortly after leaving Richmond, I found out that there was a rather uncomfortable pressure on my waist. So I loosened the belt. This was some better, but I still was not perfectly comfortable, so I did what the man in your story did: pulled down the zipper.

After that, everything was lovely.

When I arrived at Roanoke, it was about 4 p.m. The streets were thronged with Christmas shoppers. I drove around the block three times before I could find a parking place. Finally I saw one ahead of me. I was successful in getting it. Elated, as a matter of fact.

I opened the door and sprang out into the street. And that, Mr. Goerch, was when things began to happen. For a moment I stood there, sort of stretching. And then my pants began to fall. Slowly but gracefully they descended to the ground, revealing my red-striped shorts in all their glory.

Three women were within two feet of me when this tragedy occurred. They stopped short. For a moment they seemed as stupefied as though they had met Stupefying Jones in the *Li'l Abner* cartoon. Then one of them spoke up and, in awed tones, said: "Goddlemitey!"

Personally, I think that their attitude was slightly uncalled for. I'll admit that the shorts were rather loud, but they certainly did not warrant any such comment as that.

Some of the other passers-by also seemed inordinately interested. I hurriedly reached down, pulled up the pants to their original position, and got back into the car again.

I don't believe I ever have seen so many happy smiles. I waited until the original observers had passed on, and then I proceeded to get out of the car again. This time nothing out of the ordinary happened.

Now that it is all over, all I can say is that I am sure I contributed toward providing a lot of Christmas happiness for several people. Probably they will talk about it for the rest of their lives.

Wishing that you, too, may have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. COFFMAN.



# A New Plan To Aid The Poor in Europe

**According to the Secretary of the Elizabeth City Progressive Association it is working out splendidly and may influence other towns to carry out a similar plan.**

Elizabeth City, Dec. 22, 1947

Mr. Carl Goerch  
State Magazine  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Goerch:

As you have probably heard from other sources the people of Elizabeth City are using a plan to feed some starving children in Europe this winter which should work beautifully in any community. It is one of the simplest and most painless methods of extracting a few dollars from the general public that we have ever seen.

The method of organization here was this. Representatives of all civic, fraternal, social and church organizations of both races met in the Parish House of the Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, December 7. A Steering Committee was elected giving full repre-

sentation to as many groups as possible. The name "Food for the Future" was adopted based upon the opinion that in the children of Europe today, is the destiny of the world. The idea is to forego unnecessary refreshment at "between-meal" parties and gatherings, draw a check for the comparable amount that might have been spent for these refreshments, make payable to Food for the Future and designate one person on the Steering Committee to receive these checks, deposit them in a bank until \$100.00 is accumulated then draw a check payable to CARE, Inc., for \$100.00 and forward it with the stipulation that the amount of food be furnished to certain needy children in one of the many countries where CARE operates.

Some of the organizations of this city saw fit to sign pledges as individuals. Any community who desires to participate in this plan is welcome to organize it in anyway so long as the spirit is there and so long as it is not thrown into a campaign or drive.

Since last Tuesday, December 9, there has not been a day that we have not received some small amount ranging from \$2.00 to \$10.00 from some group or individual in Elizabeth City. You can easily see the value of this plan. If every community of 15,000 population or better should take the idea and contribute not more than \$100.00 or \$200.00 a month it is possible that \$100,000 per month could flow into CARE, Inc.

Anything that you can do to stir up interest in your section or throughout the state will be greatly appreciated. If we can make this a Tar Heel plan it will mean much to the people of North Carolina.

Very truly yours,  
L. C. Bruce, Jr.

LCB/mb  
Enc. Secretary.

## TARHEEL TIDBITS

From the Lords Proprietors down to the present time, there have been 100 governors in North Carolina, 27 under the Lords Proprietors, 9 under the King and 64 since statehood.

North Carolina women evidently didn't rate much when our counties were being named for only three are graced with feminine names—Wake and Jones, the maiden names of the wives of Governors Tryon and Nash; and Dare, for Virginia Dare.

The tobacco industry in the state dates back almost a century. It had its beginning in Granville County.

In the early days of the industry, the tobacco was packed in hogsheads through which was driven an axle to which a pair of shafts was fastened. To this was hitched a mule or a pair of oxen and the tobacco was "rolled" to market.

North Carolina's crop was usually rolled to St. Petersburg, Virginia.

Capitol Square, in Raleigh, has many interesting statues, but there is no monument erected to the memory of President Andrew Johnson, a Raleigh son.

Incidentally, the parents of President Johnson were once employed in Peter Casso's Inn, just across from the Capitol.

Andrew Johnson was the first president of the United States to have a body guard.

He was also the only president to be impeached. He was impeached for "usurpation of the law, corrupt use of the veto power, interference at elections and high crimes and misdemeanors. His trial was held March 30 to May 26, 1868. The vote was guilty, 36; not guilty, 19. Johnson, therefore, retained office, as a two-thirds vote is necessary for removal."

You've doubtless often heard good old sisters sighingly remark: "There ought to be a law against minors smoking cigarettes." Well, it's a fact that just such an ordinance was passed in 1908 by Statesville aldermen, to the effect that "it shall be unlawful for any minor child under the age of 17 years to smoke cigarettes, or tobacco preparations in the form or shape of cigarettes, and used as a substitute for cigarettes, in the city of Statesville." The penalty provided was a fine of \$5 for each offense.



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# YOUTH OF CAROLINA

By Margaret Brown (12)

Alice Speas (12)

Virginia-Knight Cocke (14)

Virginia Chilton Pearson (13)

SOME of the Locust School children gave a musical program last Friday which was prepared and directed by the children themselves. There was a choir of eighteen, who wore short white capes. Little Kay Little was at the piano. The teachers sat in the audience and enjoyed the program as much as did the children.

The students of the Winston-Salem High Schools had a beautiful Student Vesper Service Sunday night in the Reynolds High School auditorium. It was the second annual vesper service to be sponsored by the music departments of the schools of the city. Peggy Ann Alderman, sixteen year old coloratura soprano of Reynolds School, sang a beautiful interpretation of "The Shepherds Story," by Dickenson. The Boys' Choir, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented a lovely Austrian carol. Suzanne De Lauey and flutist Betty Shipman added much to the music. The elementary school chorus offered five nice selections. One of the best was, "The Sleep of the Child Jesus." The eighth grade chorus sang from the balcony a Russian and Bohemian carol, and later combined with the girls' chorus to sing a seventeenth century carol. Soloists were Jimmy Reaves, soprano, Betty Tesch, contralto, and Ruth Brownlow, soprano, who sang two selections from Handel's "Messiah." Instrumental selections were played by the Reynolds High School orchestra. The last song, "Adeste Fidelis," was sung by the choruses and audience. It was a very impressive service.

Children from the Christian Orphanage of Elon College had an especially nice Christmas this year. Thirty-seven of them (ranging in age from three to ten) were invited to a Christmas Party given by the Chi Phi fraternity at the University in Chapel Hill December 14. After delicious refreshments, Santa Claus himself handed each child a present off the big Christmas tree in one corner of the room. They were then entertained by Chancellor House, who played his

harmonica, and Miss Sledge who read several Christmas stories.

The party was such a success that the Chi Phi fraternity plans to give one every year.

## CHRISTMAS TIME

'Twas the night before Christmas  
at the North Pole,  
Everyone was busy—there was not  
a lazy soul;  
Santa was busy packing his toys  
For all the good little girls and  
boys.

The reindeer and sleigh were out-  
side the door,  
And Santa put in toys—more and  
more;  
Mrs. Claus was hemming the last  
little cap  
For dolly to wear when up from  
her nap.

For the curly haired twins there  
were dollies two,  
And a big story book for Sister  
Sue;  
For Brother Tom there was a horn  
To be tucked in his stocking for  
Christmas morn.

Everyone was busy, not only at  
the Pole,  
For out in the night where the  
snow was cold,  
Children of Vermont carols sung,  
And in Mississippi stockings were  
being hung.

VIRGINIA-KNIGHT COCKE.

Perry Jones Lockerman, age seven, of Clinton, is beginning his career early. He went with his father, Sheriff P. B. Lockerman, on a still raiding tour. They captured a 100 gallon copper kettle whiskey-making plant. They also captured 300 gallons of beer along with the still.

Recently the Henderson Kiwanis Club honored the 4-H Club boys who competed in a corn-growing contest this year. Boys with the highest production were Donald Stainback of Townsville, William Twisdale of Townsville, and Irwin Spain of Aycock. Each boy received \$12.50 in cash. On an average, Zeb Vance High School won the contest.

Boy Scout Troop 29 of Albemarle won the Dick Henning award for outstanding work as a troop during 1947. This is a very coveted award and they are to be congratulated for it. They were presented with a handsome trophy. Ten phases of scouting were set up as a means of competing for this award. It is given each year by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Henning of Albemarle, whose son, Dick, was an Eagle Scout.

Several members of Troop 29 have become Eagle Scouts this year.

We think that the poem which Bobby Pool of Smithfield wrote while on the World Jamboree of Boy Scouts last summer is appropriate for the Christmas season. This poem, entitled "Jamboree De La Paix," won the jamboree poetry contest. It is as follows:

Forty thousand scouts together,  
All ambassadors of peace.  
Forty thousand camp as brothers  
Who can make our friendship  
cease?

We speak a score of different  
tongues,  
Customs various as the wind,  
Yet each one has the Scouting  
Spirit;  
This will conquer in the end!

Round about our camp fires glow,  
Fifty nations with one goal.  
Every country striving, working  
To instill scouting in man's soul.

Statesmen of the nation, watch us,  
Scouts together—a brother each.  
Mark the way we live in concord.  
Learn the lesson that we teach.

Soon departing to our homes  
We'll bear the message, spread the  
light.  
Our friendly meeting we'll remem-  
ber,  
No man shall ever make us fight.

So let us by the Scout Law live;  
In this faith all war shall cease.  
And with the world's youth thus  
united  
There shall be eternal peace!



## SHE GOT HER MEN

Nancy, "a hard swearer, cross-eyed and cross-grained, but nevertheless a sharp shooter," spread a feast of good things to eat for six Tories when they descended upon her home and demanded food. They stacked arms and seated themselves at the table, but quick as lightning, Nancy seized a gun and with an oath, declared she'd kill the first man who tried to rise or taste a mouthful of food.

Being cross-eyed, each man believed Nancy was glaring straight at him, and not a Tory dared to disobey her commands. She sent one of her children to tell the Whigs: "I have taken six d—d Tories." The six were later hanged by the Whigs.

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The only Tar Heel governor ever to have been impeached was William W. Holden. The famous trial took place in 1870. Governor Holden was found guilty by the court, was removed from the governor's chair and forbidden ever again to hold office under the state government.

North Carolina's histories fail to mention the fact that Henry Churchill DeMille, father of William Churchill DeMille and Cecil DeMille, famous motion picture directors, was born in Washington, N. C., and was one of the old Tar Heel playwrights.

Another quaint North Carolina law, discovered by an attorney who was looking up a reference in a case, is that "twin beds must be at least two feet apart."

North Carolina's influence in Georgia has been geographically stamped upon the map of that state. Ten Georgia counties out of 137 are named for famous North Carolinians. These counties are Clarke, Campbell, Clinch, Dooly, Hart, Irwin, Macon, Polk, Rabun and Turn-  
er.

Hart County, named for Nancy Hart from Orange County, North Carolina, whose loyalty to the American cause won for her fame as a heroine of the American Revolution, has the distinction of being the only county in the state of Georgia, and one of the few in the Union to be named for a woman. Hartwell, Ga., is also named for the fearless Nancy.

## RANDOM SHOTS

(Continued from page 13)

beat them into dastardly flight."

"Why, John," piped up an old Confederate whose long beard did away with the need of collar and tie, "I was in that fight, and the Yankees whipped hell out of us."

"Oh, Lord!" groaned Colonel John. "Another great story ruined by a damned eyewitness!"

I am reading on, for I suspect there are others as good as that, further along.

## STOCK QUOTATIONS

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Description	Bid	Asked
Alabama Mills	12 3/4	13 1/4
American Air Filter	13 3/4	14 1/2
Ala. Great Southern R. R.	78	80 1/2
American Bakeries Company	26 1/2	30
American Enka Corporation	80	82
Am. Trust Co. (Charlotte, N. C.)	695	
Am. Yarn & Process. Co.	XD 13 1/2	14 1/2
Am. Yarn & Proc. Co.		
4% Pfd.	XD 90	92
Auto Finance Company	45	46 1/2
Bassett Furniture Industries	30	31
Bird & Son, Inc.	18 3/4	19 3/4
Blue Bell, Inc.	16	17
Buda Company	15	16 1/4
Buffalo Bolt Company	13 3/4	15
Butler's, Inc.	6 1/2	7 1/4
Butler's, Inc. 4 1/2% Pfd.	21 1/4	22 1/4
Cannon Mills Company "B"	41	42
Carolina Insurance Company	25	
Carolina Power & Light Co.	27 3/4	28 1/2
Caro. Power & Light Co. \$5 Pfd.	111	114
Caro. Tele. & Tele. Co.	161	
Chadbourne Hos. Mills, Inc.	7 1/2	8
Chadbourne Hos. Mills, Inc.		
4 1/2% Preferred	36	38
Coble Dairy Products 5% Pfd.	47	50
Colonial Stores, Inc.	26 1/4	27 1/2
Colonial Stores, Inc. 4% Pfd.	44	46
Cross Company	2 1/2	3
Dan River Mills	XD 18	19
Dan River Mills 4 1/2% Pfd.	XD 107	107 1/2
Dictaphone Corporation	27 1/4	29
Dixie Home Stores	27 1/2	28 1/2
Drexel Furniture Company	14	15
Dwight Manufacturing Co.	38 1/4	39 1/2
Empire District Elec. Co.	11 1/2	12 1/2
Erwin Cotton Mills	XD 19 1/4	20 1/4
Foremost Dairies, Inc.	12 3/4	13 3/4
Foremost Dairies, Inc. 6% Pfd.	51	
Gamble Brothers	6 1/4	7 1/4
Garfinkel, Julius & Co., Inc.	17	
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4 1/2% Pfd.	20	
Garlock Packing Company	19 1/2	20 7/8
Ga. Hardwood Lumber Co.	21 3/4	22 3/4
Giddings & Lewis Machine Tool	11 1/4	12 1/4
Gordon Foods, Inc.	XD 5 1/4	6
Grinnell Corporation	29 1/2	30 1/2
Hanes, P. H. Knit. Co. (Par \$5) XD	22	
Home Finance Company	5 1/2	
Houston Oil Field Material	6 1/2	7 3/8
International Detrola	7 3/4	8 3/4
International Textbook Co.	9 3/4	10 3/4
Irving Trust Company	14 3/4	15 1/2
Jeff. Stand. Life Ins. Co.	27 1/4	28 1/4
Life & Cas. Ins. Co. of Tenn.	18 1/2	19 1/2
Long Bell Lumber	18 3/4	20
May-McEwen-Kaiser Co.	12 1/2	13 1/2
Monumental Life Ins. Co.	40	43
Moore Handley Hardware	10 1/2	11 1/2
Mooresville Mills, Inc.	13 1/2	14 1/2
Morganton Furniture Company	16	17
National City Bank of N. Y.	38	39
Nat. Container Corp. 4 3/4% Pfd.	59 3/4	61
New Britain Machine Co.	25	26 3/4
N. C. Railroad Company	195	
Northwestern Nat. Life Ins. Co.	19	
Occidental Life Ins. Co.	5 1/2	
Peninsular Telephone Co.	43	
Piedmont & Northern Ry.	65	
Pilot Full Fashion Mills	XD 10 3/8	11 1/2
Riegel Textile Corporation	42	46
Riegel Textile Corp. \$4 Pfd.	93	96
Robertson, H. H.	37	
Rose's 5-10-25c Stores	50	
Rulane Gas Company (new)	4	
XD & X st'k d.	5	4 1/2
Rulane Gas Company 5 1/2% Pfd.	50	
San Carlos Milling	9 3/4	10 3/4
Scott & Williams	20 1/2	21 1/2
Seaboard Finance Preferred	49 3/4	51 1/2
Security Life & Trust Co.	62	
Solar Aircraft Preferred	13 1/2	15 1/8
Sonoco Products Co.	31 1/2	
South Atlantic Gas	9 3/8	10 3/8
Southern Webbing Mills	10	
Standard Foreings	9 7/8	10 3/8
Standard Stoker	21 1/2	23 1/2
Stonecutter Mills	9 1/2	10 1/4
Talon, Inc.	35	37
Taylor-Colquitt Company	XD 38 1/2	40
Textiles, Inc.	18	19
Textiles, Inc. 4% Preferred	24	25
Thiokol Corporation	2 3/4	3 1/8
Tidewater Power Co.	7	7 1/2
Towmotor Corporation	16	17 1/2
Twin-Coach \$1.50 Pfd.	24 1/2	26
United Transit	4 3/4	5 1/4
Victor Products Corporation	9	10 1/4
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.	63	64 1/2
Warner & Swasey Co.	10 1/2	11 1/4

THE STATE, DECEMBER 27, 1947



# JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

BY CARL GOERCH

THE other day we came across the name of a newspaper that was published in Rutherfordton a hundred years or more ago. It was the *Rutherfordton Intelligencer*.

What a fine name to test a man with in order to find out whether he is drunk or sober!

Anyone who can say *Rutherfordton Intelligencer* without stumbling is bound to be cold sober.

We said something to Mr. Josephus Daniels the other day about working so hard. He looked up in surprise and said:

"Who me? Why, I haven't done a day's work in seventy years. At the age of sixteen, I worked for a farmer in Wilson County, helping him pick his cotton. He paid me 25 cents a day. A man who ran a drugstore in Wilson said he would pay me 40 cents a day. I immediately quit the cotton-picking job and started clerking in the drugstore, and I haven't done a day's work since that time. I've just been playing."

**The Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem has been doing some extensive alteration work lately. Newest type elevators being installed, ballroom completely renovated, and many other changes and improvements are being made.**

"How come," somebody asked us the other day, "that some of the highway signs, warning of cross-roads and intersections, are set up in square shape while others are set up in the shape of a diamond?"

Sounded like a sensible question, so we called up Mr. Burch, of the State Highway Department and got him to explain.

Up until recently, all cross-road and intersection signs were set up in the shape of a square. In recent months, however, a joint committee from the Public Roads Association, American Association of State Highway Officers, and the Institute of Traffic Engineers, has been studying traffic problems from a national point of view. They are going to recommend that all warning signs be set up in diamond shape, instead of square shape.

North Carolina has sort of beaten the gun, and highway markings in this state are now undergoing a period of transition. Whenever a new cross-road or intersection sign is erected, it will be put up in the shape of a diamond. However, if the old square sign is in good condition, it will be allowed to remain as is for the time being. When it shows signs of wear, it will be replaced by a diamond sign.

(Of course diamond signs and square signs are all the same shape, but you know what we mean: we're referring to the way they look after they are put up.)

Mr. Burch also told us that the new school signs are going to be diamond-shaped from now on. In fact, when the period of transition is completed, there will be no yellow square warning signs left. There may be some on a white background, but these will prescribe certain special traffic regulations.

"Men Working" will continue to be a square sign, because it is easier to set it up that way than it would be if it were diamond shaped. However, this is not a fixed sign.

Railroad warning signs are round in shape, and "Stop" signs are octagonal.

With all this information, you ought to be able to improve your average considerably when you go up for your drivers' license examination.

I had breakfast with Judge Devin again the other morning at the S & W Cafeteria in Raleigh. Mention was made of the famous Brown will case, which was tried in Washington, N. C., about eighteen years ago. And in that connection, I took the liberty of asking Judge Devin a personal question.

"In view of that story about the flying saucers and in view of some other escapades that have happened in the past, what chance do you think my will would have of standing up in the event that somebody should take a notion to try and break it?"

The Judge's answer was brief and to the point. "Carl," he said, "I'm afraid it would have a very slim chance indeed."

Sam Carter, of Asheville, writes in to tell us of a family in Buncombe County that has an unusual string of given names. There are five boys, and each of them has the same name as a county in North Carolina — Rutherford, Caswell, Polk, Wayne, and Lee.

Reminds us of the Royster family in Raleigh. They named their sons for different states in the union.

There has been some criticism about the use of two license plates on automobiles again during 1948. Some folks say that the additional expense is unnecessary and, not only that, but in view of the present steel shortage, the two plates are downright wasteful. Besides, they serve no useful purpose, because one plate will do just as well as two.

We took up the matter with Colonel Rosser, head of the Motor Vehicles Department, and the Colonel had this to say:

He said that the basic law of North Carolina states that each automobile shall be supplied with two license plates, front and rear. During the war, under the emergency power granted by the legislature to Governor Broughton, the latter ordered the use of only one plate. But the Governor's emergency power has come to an end, so there was nothing for state officials to do but to go back to two plates again.

Then too, Colonel Rosser said that two plates were a big help in law enforcement. For instance, suppose highway patrolmen are notified that a car has been stolen. They meet a car which has no license plate in front. They have to wait until it gets by, and then they have to crane their necks in order to try and read the plate in the rear. Half the time they start chasing the wrong car. But with a plate in front, it's much easier to apprehend the person who is wanted.

But even if you want to argue about that last feature, it won't do you any good, because as we've just said, the law specifically says that every car has got to be provided with two plates.



## Letters and Newspaper Comment

### The Bob Mann Article

Richmond, Va.—I do not know when I have enjoyed reading anything more than I did your article about Bob Mann, the Negro football player whose home is in New Bern and who plays on the Michigan team.

Such an article is a real inspiration. It is an inspiration to the white people, because it shows what a Negro family can do. It also is an inspiration to the colored people, because it should make them ambitious to accomplish what the Mann family has done.

Your magazine is a real power in North Carolina. Along with other things, I believe it can do much toward establishing a better understanding between the races. I congratulate you upon the very fine publication you are turning out each week.

L. M. COLEMAN.

### A Mother's Appreciation

New Bern.—I wish to express to you my very deep gratitude for the kind and gracious article in THE STATE about Bob Mann and other members of his family. I think that everyone likes to hear good things about himself, but I want you to know that your article did more than simply please us. For one thing, it has caused us to search ourselves to make sure that we are worthy, and it has inspired us always to try to use the four-fold "Family Game" mentioned, for worth while representation.

CLARA D. MANN.

### Companions of Boone

Maiden.—I note in a recent issue of THE STATE that a lady of Davie County asks the names of the five families leaving the Yadkin country September 25, 1773 with Daniel Boone.

I think Wheeler's History is in error when he says that five other families accompanied Boone when he left this state on the above date for Kentucky.

I am a descendant of the Boones, and a member of the Boone Family Association, so I have had the opportunity of learning some family history.

Only Daniel and his brother, Squire Boone, with their families left their homes on the Yadkin for Kentucky. However, they were joined at Powell's Valley by five other families and forty well-armed men. I have never heard the names of the five families.

Apropos to another inquiry, I might say for your information that there is no one named "Kinnick" in the North Carolina census of 1790.

J. E. HODGES.

### More About Bob Mann

Raleigh.—I wish to congratulate your magazine for the magnificent story in the December 6 issue pertaining to Bob Mann.

I assure you that more stories of this nature will be highly appreciated by members of both races of this state. Such stories will stimulate the minds of the people of North Carolina and will play an important part in improving better race relationship in this state.

WILLIE POWELL, JR.

### Courthouse in the Street

Wilmington.—I note what you have to say about some court-

## Answers to Questions

(Published on Page 5)

1. Assassination of President McKinley.
2. Quebec, Canada.
3. Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.
4. Last of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
5. He'd be using a stilleto.
6. Al Jolson.
7. A sickle.
8. Flat.
9. The first flight was made in 1903.
10. The 44th anniversary celebration took place Dec. 17 this year.
11. Administrative.
12. Offers Indians free scholarships. Has more Indians than the average college.
13. The planet Earth.
14. To Switzerland. (It is on the Swiss-Italian border, so if you said Italy, we'll count it right.)
15. Ozark Mountains.
16. Cabbage.
17. Corn.
18. Grapes.
19. Oolong is a kind of tea.
20. A kind of bird.
21. A normal person has twelve pairs of ribs.
22. Yellow, red and blue.
23. 640 acres to the square mile.

houses being "in the middle of the street." I believe you should add Whiteville to your list.

E. E. KILBURN.

### Haw River Not Incorporated

Haw River.—In a recent issue of THE STATE you submitted a question: "There is an incorporated town in North Carolina, the name of which ends in River: what is it?" You gave the answer as being Haw River.

I am very sorry indeed to inform you that this statement is not true. We certainly have need to incorporate and have the benefit of fire-fighting equipment, sewage disposal, etc., but the sad fact is that Haw River is not incorporated.

L. W. TROLLINGER.

### Seeks Legal Information

Stedman.—I am enclosing a clipping which I cut out of the Charlotte Observer, quoting Attorney General Harry McMullan. In this connection, I would like to ask a few questions:

I am an accountant and am familiar with commercial law. In business college I was taught how to write a deed, a deed of trust, a mortgage, a bill of sale and a contract. All of these, according to the decision of Attorney General Harry McMullan, I have no right to perform even though the above-mentioned duties fall in my line of work. It also appears that a Certified Public Accountant, who is not a licensed attorney, will be forced to refer his clients to a licensed attorney.

Mr. McMullan's decision seems to convey the impression that the legal field is being invaded by those who are qualified to perform such duties but are forbidden to do so because they are not licensed attorneys. However, the legal profession does, without the slightest hesitation, invade the accounting field at will, and in most cases the invaders are not as well qualified as the accountants.

I am of the opinion that one's constitutional rights are being seriously infringed upon. It looks like a "Lawyers-made Law" to me.

A. C. TATEM, SR.

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